

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Concurrently with the filing of an RCE, claims 1, 3 7, 8, 10 and 13 are amended, claims 9, 12 and 14 are canceled, and claims 20-22 are added. Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13 and 15-22 are pending in this application. No new matter is added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Feld et al. (U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2001/0026272).

To expedite prosecution, independent claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 13 are amended to additionally recite:

wherein ...
the article for comparison is grouped and the comparison article group
corresponding to the types of the displayed commercial products is selected.

This feature is based on the disclosure at paragraph [0139] of the present specification.

Feld et al. does not disclose or suggest that the article for comparison is grouped and the comparison article group corresponding to the types of the displayed commercial products is selected. Consequently, amendment independent claims 1, 7, 8, 10 and 13 are patentable over Feld et al., as are dependent claims 2-6 and 5-19. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13 and 15-19, as amended, is respectfully solicited.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 20 and 21, depending respectively from amended independent claims 1 and 7, are added. Each recites:

wherein one article for comparison corresponding to the size of the commercial product is selected from the articles for comparison which are included in the selected comparison article group.

The feature recited in each of claims 20 and 21 is based on the disclosure at paragraph [0140] of the present specification. As amended independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable over Feld et al., dependent claims 20 and 21 are patentable over Feld et al. also. Consequently, the allowance of dependent claims 20 and 21 is respectfully solicited.

Finally, new independent claims 22 is added and recites:

An electronic catalogue system for displaying on one screen a image of a commercial product and an image of an article for comparison in order for a viewer of the one screen to acquire a visual recognition of the size of the commercial product as compared to the size of the article for comparison, comprising:

reader for reading three-dimensional data of the commercial product and three-dimensional data of the article for comparison;

observation image generator for generating an observation image in which the image of the commercial product and the image of the article for comparison are located at predetermined positions based on the read three-dimensional data of the commercial product and three-dimensional data of the article for comparison; and

displaying device for displaying the generated observation image, said displaying device including said one screen, wherein

the image of the commercial product and the image of the article for comparison are displayed under a same scale on said one screen of the displaying device,

the image of the commercial product and the image of the article for comparison do not overlap with each other in an observation window, and

the observation image does not deviate from the observation window.

The features that *the image of the commercial product and the image of the article for comparison do not overlap with each other in an observation window, and the observation image does not deviate from the observation window* are based on the disclosure at paragraph [0107] of the present application.

In Feld et al., *the cloth overlaps with the model* in the Fitting Room window. Consequently, new independent claim 22 is patentable over Feld et al. and its allowance is respectfully solicited.

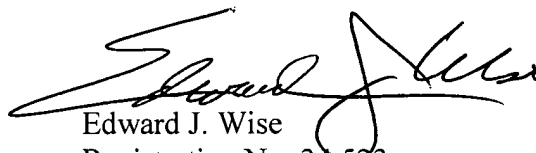
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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